

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 201146

63

ORIGIN AF-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIE-00

INRE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 IO-13 DHA-02 /064 R

DRAFTED BY AF/S:RPERRY:DH

APPROVED BY AF - WESCHAUFLELE

AF/S:FGWISNER

AF/P -JPOPE

----- 107289

O R 122341Z AUG 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

S E C R E T STATE 201146

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, BC, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIAN INCURSIONS INTO BOTSWANA

1. ON 12 AUGUST BOTSWANAN CHARGE INFORMED DEPARTMENT OFFICER THAT RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED THREE RAIDS INTO BOTSWANA IN THE AREA OF MAITENGWE ON AUGUST 6 AND 7. CHARGE REFERRED TO GOB PRESS RELEASE DENOUNCING RAIDS AND REINFORCEMENT OF BOTSWANAN POLICE FORCES ALONG THE BORDER.

2. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO BOTSWANAN CHARGE, MAY BE USED BY POST AS APPROPRIATE.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 201146

A. QUESTION: HOW DO YOU THINK THE CLASHES BETWEEN RHODESIA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL AFFECT CHANCES FOR A SETTLEMENT?

B. ANSWER: SUCH ACTIONS, WHICH WE DEPLORE, OBVIOUSLY HAVE AN IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF HARDENING POSITIONS AND THREATENING AN EVEN FURTHER WIDENING OF THE CONFLICT AND AN ATTENDENT LOSS OF LIFE. THEY ALSO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE AND NECESSITY OF AN EARLY RAPID AND JUST SETTLEMENT. A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WHICH BRINGS MAJORITY RULE AND AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF THE MINORITY

IN RHODESIA IS, IN OUR JUDGMENT, THE BEST WAY TO REMOVE THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE.

3. YOU MAY INFORM GOB OFFICIALS THAT MESSAGE FROM BOTSWANAN CHARGE WAS DELIVERED TO THE SECRETARY. WE APPRECIATE THE TIMELY INFORMATION WHICH THE BOTSWANAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATED TO US. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE INCURSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND HAVE TOLD THEM OF OUR CONCERN OVER THIS SERIOUS EXPANSION OF THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS SHARE OUR CONCERN. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INTERVENTION, ARMED FORCES, INVASIONS, PRESS RELEASES, BORDER INCIDENTS, COMBAT OPERATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE201146
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: RPERRY:DH
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760311-0187
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760858/aaaabyxf.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 JUL 2004 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <13 OCT 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RHODESIAN INCURSIONS INTO BOTSWANA
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, RH, BC
To: GABORONE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006